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Minutes

Regular Meeting of December 3, 2013

Insurance and Claims Committee

Present: Chairman Grady Faulkner, Council Member Hope Kasper, and Council Member Sebastian Giuliano.

Also Present: Brig Smith, General Counsel and Dawn Warner, Risk Manager. Judge Robert Holzberg of Pullman and Comley and Attorney Ryan Barry of Barry and Barall LLC also present to discuss claim under Executive Session.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Faulkner called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

Council Member Kasper moved approval of the October 1, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Giuliano seconded approval. Motion carried with Chairman Faulkner and Council Member Kasper voting in the affirmative and Council Member Giuliano abstaining.

C. Public Session

No member of the public was present for Public Session.

Council Member Giuliano moved to amend the Agenda to allow Judge Holzberg and Attorney Barry to present under executive session at the beginning of the meeting rather than following the standard report on claims under Section D. Council Member Kasper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The executive session is detailed below under Section E to track the order of the original Agenda.

D. Report on Claims Settled Within General Counsel's Settlement Authority and/or City's insurance carrier, CIRMA.

General Counsel Brig Smith provided the Committee with a synopsis of the following claims settled within the authority of General Counsel or City's insurance carrier, CIRMA.

Council Member Giuliano moved to approve report as presented. Council Member Kasper seconded approval. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Jean Belniak vs. City of Middletown;
2. Matthew & Rose Butler vs. City of Middletown;
3. Connecticut Light & Power vs. City of Middletown;
4. Meaghan Daley vs. City of Middletown;
5. Alex & Rachel Gritzuk vs. City of Middletown;
6. Patricia Long vs. City of Middletown;
7. Josephine Lowe vs. City of Middletown;
8. Joseph Milardo vs. City of Middletown;
9. Amber Pierini vs. City of Middletown;
10. Robert Pinard vs. City of Middletown;
11. Adam Thompson vs. City of Middletown;
12. Xavier High School vs. City of Middletown;
13. City of Middletown vs. Asphalt Maintenance Company;
14. City of Middletown vs. Anne Bernardo;
15. City of Middletown vs. Eric Clinton;
16. City of Middletown vs. DATTCO Bus;
17. City of Middletown vs. Diana Lim;
18. City of Middletown vs. Meaghan Rodgers;
19. City of Middletown vs. Umberto Spada;
20. City of Middletown vs. Leslie Wright.

E. Executive Session

The Committee went into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. by motion of Council Member Giuliano and seconded by Council Member Kasper. Motion carried unanimously. The Committee discussed strategy and negotiations regarding the workers' compensation claim of Margaret Liseo vs. City of Middletown, pursuant to Sections 1-200(6) and 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. Present at the session were: Council Members Faulkner, Kasper, and Giuliano. Also present were Brig Smith, General Counsel, Dawn Warner, Risk Manager, Attorney Ryan Barry, and Judge Robert Holzberg.

The Committee rose from executive session at 7:37 p.m. on motion of Council Member Kasper and seconded by Council Member Giuliano. Motion carried unanimously. Following exit from executive session, the Committee voted unanimously to approve settlement of claim for Margaret Liseo vs. City of Middletown on motion of Council Member Kasper and second by Council Member Giuliano.

F. Other Business:

General Counsel Brig Smith provided the Committee with a synopsis of the payment of the City's two \$50,000 deductibles for mold remediation at Snow and Bielefeld schools. Council Member Kasper moved to approve payment of deductibles as presented. Council Member Giuliano seconded approval. Motion carried unanimously.

General Counsel Brig Smith provided the Committee with a synopsis of the supplemental claim for damage of a police vehicle. Council Member Giuliano moved to approve. Council Member Kasper seconded approval. Motion carried unanimously.

General Counsel Brig Smith provided the Committee with a synopsis of the claim for damage of a police motorcycle. Council Member Giuliano moved to approve. Council Member Kasper seconded approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Warner, Risk Manager, presented to Committee member's monthly accounting report – All City Insurance Funds.

Dawn Warner, Risk Manager, provided update regarding the City's Wellness Program.

Dawn Warner, Risk Manager, provided update regarding the City's Employee Job Safety Training. Public Works is in the process of purchasing new hard hats for all of its personnel. Training on the new Globally Harmonized System (GHS) standard is underway, with three training dates scheduled to accommodate all applicable employees. The training is required by OSHA and applies to all housekeeping and custodial employees for the City, Library, and Board of Education.

E. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 8:31 p.m. on motion of Council Member Kasper, seconded by Council Member Giuliano. Motion carried unanimously.


Grady Faulkner, Chair

cc: Hon. Daniel T. Drew, Mayor
Joe Samolis, Chief of Staff
Council Member Hope Kasper
Council Member Sebastian Giuliano
Carl Temme, H.D. Segur Insurance
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